Letters to the Editor

Canada's Flag

Re the question, "Does Canada Need a New Flag?" perhaps some of us have been guilty of not flying the Canadian flag, using only the Union Jack. I, for one, have been guilty of this, but from now on will fly the Canadian Red Ensign on every occasion; this flag clearly shows our link with the mother country.

If all Canada would do this, maybe there would not be so much dissatisfaction, and people would get to know their flag better. Having chosen to live in this great country, the least we can do is to fly its flag, in churches and on all buildings.

Another suggestion is that the Canadian shield be shown on both the Blue and White Ensigns, whenever these are flown on Canadian ships.

DOROTHY ABRAHAM.

"Tiritea," 1125 Faithful Street.

Why the Fuss?

I have read several articles and letters in your paper deploring the shooting of a sea lion in the Saanich Arm. Sea lions are a great menace to the salmon industry. So much so that through the Dominion fisheries branch a raid is made nearly every year by a fisheries patrol boat to the rookeries of the sea lions to destroy as many as possible. The number destroyed in one of these raids frequently runs into thousands, so why so much fuss over the shooting of one of these predators?

G. S. HARRIS.

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Must Grow Up

It is amusing to have organized labor suddenly discover that nobody loves them. I wonder why. It is absurd to claim there is an organized plot against labor. Organized labor well knows why it has long since lost public support. How can the majority of the people, consumers, pensioners, people living on superannuation and other fixed incomes, support the annual greedy demands of organized labor for more than their share of the national product.

Labor must grow up and learn to accept its adult responsibilities. Labor is big business now and must learn to accept the brickbats and criticism which go with big business, and which labor itself has so long directed at business and government. If there be, indeed, an organized move to curb labor, let labor reason why. There is always a reason for a spontaneous movement on the part of the people, and the people now indicate, both here and in the United States, that they want the same checks and balances applied to big labor as already exist in business and government. This would seem only fair and just.

M. P. PAINE.

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Rights of Labor

If the attack by Mr. Chant, and other government members, on labor leaders is indeed a sounding of public opinion before applying restrictive labor legislation, let us hope that we the public are given a chance to know the nature of such legislation and to express our opinions before it is passed.

In the recent American elections the public were allowed to express their opinion on the so-called "right to work laws"—laws designed to restrict the labor movement. Only one or two of the candidates who supported these laws were elected. Apparently people did not let the very bad example of Mr. Jimmy Hoffa and other men like him serve to restrict and eventually destroy the rights won by the labor movement as a whole.

Let us not let unfounded accusations by clever politicians make us lose sight of the main issue. If we have dishonest leaders in some of our labor unions, let them be named, with proper proof, and weeded out, but do not let the benefits we reap from the labor unions go down the drain with them.

There is a great outcry against strikes—nobody wants strikes but the right to strike is the teeth of the labor movement just as the police are the teeth of the laws of our land. Without police many irresponsible people would ignore our laws. In the same way without the labor union and its right to call a strike as a last resort irresponsible employers would ignore the right of labor to a decent standard of living.

Labor is all the people who must live from a pay cheque, and since that includes the vast majority of us, let's not let any legislation pass that will restrict our bargaining rights.

(Mrs.) P. C. MALONE.

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Hearing Delayed

Preliminary hearing in Central Saanich court of a manslaughter charge against Adam Reisch, Veyaness Road, was adjourned yesterday until 1.30 p.m. today because of the unavoidable absence of defence counsel.

A ballistics expert of RCMP from Regina is expected to testify when the hearing is resumed.

The charge arose from the death of Arie Schut, 6, shot through the chest while playing on land adjoining Reisch's property.

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Mrs. Oliver Funeral Set Today

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Oliver, widow of Oak Bay's first reeve, will be held at 2 p.m. today in Christ Church Cathedral, Archbishop Harold E. Sexton will officiate.

Mrs. Oliver, widow of the late William Edgar Oliver, died Tuesday in Royal Jubilee Hospital.

She was born in Victoria in 1869, the daughter of William Curtis Ward, a well-known pioneer and banker.

Mrs. Oliver is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Errol Gillespie; three grandchildren, A. W. Gillespie of Toronto, Dr. A. E. Gillespie of Victoria and Mrs. John Graeme of Victoria; seven great-grandchildren, two sisters in England and nieces and nephews.

Be Kind to Dogs Postmen Told

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Acting postmaster Myron F. Blakeney issued a memo to Buffalo mailmen Wednesday ordering them not to make menacing gestures against the dogs on their routes or to tease them. "It's only fair," said Blakeney.

Biggest Since Klondike

Black Gold Rush On

VANCOUVER (CP)—Deputy minister Gordon Robertson of the northern affairs department said Thursday night the rush of oil exploration rights in the Arctic islands is a "phenomenon the like of which we have not seen since the Klondike gold rush."

More than 71,000,000 acres have been applied for since the outburst of interest began last Jan. 22, the deputy minister said. The significant thing was that it was taking place in an area long regarded as useless.

The Canadian government has embarked on the first phase of a national development program, he said, that will help lay the foundations for a nation of 50,000,000 to 100,000,000 persons.

The three main parts of that first phase were the outlining of existing resources, conservation of renewable resources and steps to promote the development of resources.

Labor Dollars to Aid IWA

Victoria Labor Council has set up a special committee to ask each of its 13,000 affiliated union members to contribute $1 to a fund for striking IWA loggers in Newfoundland.

"We will set an example to be followed by the rest of Canada," said Neil Hindle, boilermakers' delegate, who proposed the motion. It received unanimous support of the 90 delegates.

Reds Ahead of Us In Logging Rigs

MONTREAL (CP) — The Canadian Lumbermen's Association was told Wednesday that Russian logging operations are "far more highly mechanized" than Canada's, and modern methods are helping Russia cut export lumber prices.

J. W. McNutt, of Temagami, Ont., told the closing session of the association's convention that the price of Russian lumber in Britain has been reduced by $22.50 per 1,000 board feet in the last year. Neither the Russian nor the Canadian price was mentioned.

Greek Freighter, 12, Missing in Aegean

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—The 400-ton Greek freighter Tris Hierarches and her crew of 12 are feared lost in the Aegean Sea.

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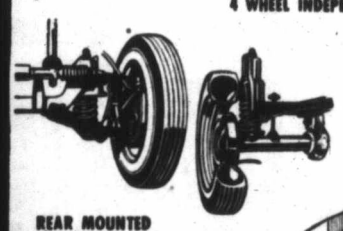

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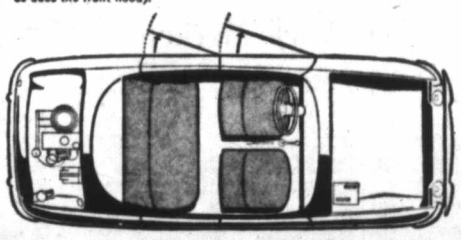

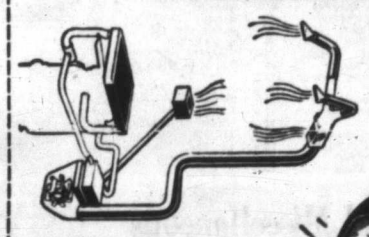

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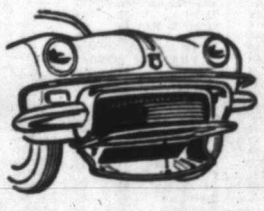

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